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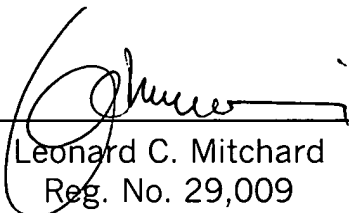
The above amendments have been made to place the application in a more traditional format.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

3. (Amended) A method has claimed in [either claim 1 or claim 2] claim 1 wherein the mammal has experienced an adverse postnatal environment comprising a hypocaloric or hypercaloric diet.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 wherein the mammal is an adult mammal.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the agent is administered to the mammal in combination with a second anti-hypertensive agent.

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8 [or claim 9] wherein the effective concentration of the growth hormone, an analog thereof or a functionally equivalent ligand is increased through administration of an agent which either stimulates production of growth hormone or which lessens or prevents inhibition of growth hormone activity.

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in [either] claim 8 [or claim 9] wherein the effective concentration of growth hormone is increased through direct administration of growth hormone.

15. (Amended) The use as claimed in [either] claim 13 [or claim 14] wherein the medicament is for treating an adult human.

16. (Amended) The use as claimed in [any one of claims 13 to 15] claim 13 wherein the agent is growth hormone.

17. (Amended) The use as claimed in [any one of claims 13 to 16] claim 13 wherein the medicament is for administration in combination with a second anti-hypertensive agent.